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## Facts and Figures

### 2000 Drunk & Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month

#### National Crash Statistics

Every **33 minutes** someone in America dies in an alcohol-related collision, with an injury occurring every **two minutes**.

Impaired drivers injure more than **300,000** people every year. The average person has a **20 percent** chance of being involved in an alcohol-related collision during their lifetime.

#### California 1999 Crash Statistics\*

On average, a person was killed every **7.5 hours** in an alcohol-related collision and a person was injured in an alcohol-related collision every **18 minutes**.

Last year, **1,170** people were killed and **29,833** were injured in alcohol-related collisions.

California has not had a day without a traffic-related fatality since **May 1, 1991**.

The number of persons killed in alcohol-related collisions has decreased 28 percent within the last five years. (*Source: 1998 Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System*)

#### Teenage Drivers

In California in 1999, **15 percent** of the total persons killed and injured in alcohol-related collisions were between the ages of 16 and 20.

In California last year, **148** 16 to 20 year-olds were killed and **4,518** were injured in alcohol-related collisions.

Impaired driving is a leading cause of death for people under 30.

According to 1994's "Zero Tolerance" legislation, anyone less than 21 years of age that is tested to have a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .01 or higher will have their license suspended for one full year. If an individual refuses to take a BAC test, their license is automatically suspended for one year.

#### The Impact of Alcohol-Related Collisions on Business

Alcohol-related collisions cost employers nearly **\$2.5 billion** annually. This amount is equal to **\$3,337** for every business in California, or **\$180** for each of California's approximately 14 million employees.

*Sources: California Highway Patrol, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.  
\* 1999 Statistics are based on California Highway Patrol provisional data.*